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International Appln. No. : PCT/FR00/00740
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Claimed Priority Date : March 31, 1999
For : Crosslinked Acrylic Microparticles, Process for Preparing Them
and Uses Thereof in Coatings and Moulding Products

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10

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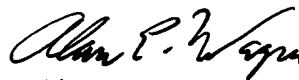
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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER CFR § 1.121(C)

Please replace claims 1-26 with replacement claims 1-28 submitted on the attached sheets under 37 CFR § 1.121(C). The amendments to the claims eliminate all multiple dependencies, provide technical changes to conform the claim language to standard U.S. practice and add new claims 27 and 28. No new matter is added by the claims amendments. The amendments are illustrated by the attached redlined version of the amended claims.

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